

Newspapers Association, the Government has been urged to establish a Newspaper Finance Corporation for the benefit of Indian Language newspapers and help maintain freedom of Press. Emphasising on the need to treat Language newspapers as a small scale industry, it has been desired that loans at concessional interest rate be provided to them.

(c) At present, there is no intention to set up a Finance Corporation for the Indian Language Newspapers.

(d) Information is given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

The Government have always recognised the role of small and medium newspapers and have been responsive to their problems. The specific problems of small and medium Newspapers have been taken note of by various committees/commissions from time to time. An Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri I. Rammohan Rao, former Principal information Officer was constituted by the Government to look into problems being faced by the small and medium newspapers and to suggest ways to help them to overcome their difficulties. Out of 12 recommendations made by the Committee, 11 have been accepted with minor modifications in some cases, by the Government. Besides, the following measures have also been taken by the Government in regard to promotion of healthy growth of small and medium newspapers :

- (i) Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP)'s advertising rate structure has an inbuilt provision for providing weightage for small and medium newspapers. To give additional relief to small and medium newspapers the advertisement rates for small and medium newspapers were further revised by DAVP with effect from 1st July, 95 by allowing 15% increase in the weightage admissible to them (newspapers upto and including circulation of 50,000 copies) in the present rate structure. Instructions had also been issued by the Ministry to DAVP in 1995 to double the then existing minimum quantum of advertisements to small and medium newspapers from three to six in a year.
- (ii) In order to ensure greater availability of newsprint, its import has been put under OGL subject to actual user condition by importers who hold a "Certificate for Entitlement to Import Newsprint" issued by the Registrar of Newspapers for India. To ensure uninterrupted supply of indigenous newsprint to small and medium newspapers, whose annual requirement of newsprint is 200 Mts

or less, scheduled newsprint mills are required under the "Newsprint (Regulation of Production and Distribution) Order, 1995", issued by the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion) on 23rd June, 95, to earmark 1/3rd of their annual production to meet the demand of small and medium newspapers on pro-rata basis. The newspapers can lift the stocks from any of these mills in 12 equal monthly instalments.

[Translation]

Electronic Telephone Exchanges

4114. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places in Maharashtra where electronic telephone exchanges have been set up during 1996-97;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the names of places where electronic telephone exchanges are likely to be set up in the State during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) During 1996-97 (from April 1996 to 28.2.97), 95 Nos. of electronic telephone exchanges have been set up at various places in Maharashtra. The names of the places are given in the statement-I.

(b) Details are given in the statement-II.

(c) During 1997-98, 113 Nos. of electronic telephone exchanges are proposed to be set up in Maharashtra. The details are given in the statement-III. Actual locations are not yet finalised.

Statement

List of Electronic Exchanges set up in Maharashtra since April, 1996 up to 28.2.1997

S.No.	Name of the Place
1	2
Ahmednagar District	
1.	Khaitsgaon
2.	Sarola Pathar
3.	Chicholiphata
Akola District	
4.	Rajura
5.	Kokata
6.	Kanadi
7.	Kanhai Garali
8.	Jamadhi

1	2
	Amaravati District
9.	Itki
10.	Kokada
11.	Belora
12.	Mardi
	Bhandara District
13.	Dewadi
14.	Warthi
15.	Chichal
16.	Paraswada
	Buldhana District
17.	Bawandbir
18.	Asalgaon
	Chandrapur District
19.	Kangalwadi
20.	Wadheri
	Dhule District
21.	Kahatul
22.	Mohadi
23.	Sangvi
24.	Tarhadi
	Jaigaon District
25.	Gadkhamb
	Jalna District
26.	Dhawda
27.	Antarwalil
	Kolhapur District
28.	Parvati Ind. Estate
29.	Bathanangale
30.	Kalambwadi
31.	Alate
32.	S. Takali
33.	Mudshingi
34.	Kekhale
35.	Shirati
36.	Rashivade
37.	Ujalaiwadi
38.	Turanbe
	Latur District
39.	Iharni
40.	Kamkheda
41.	Her

1	2
	Nanded District
42.	Yetala
43.	Takali
44.	Waghalwadsa
	Nasik District
45.	Mundegaon
46.	Shinde
47.	Brahmangaon
	Osmanabad District
48.	Baloor
49.	Massa
50.	Jalkot
51.	Bathrud
52.	Padoli
	Parbhani District
53.	Singnagar
54.	Hingoli Mide
55.	Hadgaon Nakate
	Raigad District
56.	Jambhaivali
57.	Pangloli
58.	Pachad
59.	Adgaon
60.	Manivali
61.	Ghosale
62.	Arvi
	Ratnagiri District
63.	Angawad
64.	Kelshi
65.	Kondye
	Sangli District
66.	Utagi
67.	Borgi
68.	Narasingpur
69.	Yellur
70.	Muchandi
71.	Burli
	Satara District
72.	Chapal
73.	Diskal
74.	Kalghar

1	2
Solapur District	
75.	Ropale
76.	Harvade
77.	Begampur
78.	Sheerapur
79.	Sakai
Wardha District	
80.	Vijaygopal
81.	Pardhi
82.	Kandwa
Yeotmal District	
83.	Niljal
MTNL Bombay	
84.	Mankhurd RSU
85.	Byculla I
86.	Sakinaka RLU
87.	Gokuldharm RSU
88.	Mandwi-2
89.	Gamdevi-3
90.	Fountain-RSU
91.	Vileparle (CNE)
92.	Goregaon (CNE)
93.	Wadala-3
94.	Bandra (CNE)
95.	Belapur-RSU

Statement-II

Details of Electronic Telephone Exchanges set up in Maharashtra since April, 1996 up to 28.2.1997

S.No.	Name of the place	Type	Capacity
1	2	3	4
Ahmednagar District			
1.	Khaisgaon	C-DOT 128	80
2.	Sarola Pathar	do	88
3.	Chicholiphata	C-DOT 256	184
Akoia District			
4.	Rajura	MILT	56
5.	Kokata	C-DOT 128	80
6.	Kanadi	do	88
7.	Kanhai Garali	MILT	56
8.	Jamadhi	C-DOT 128	88

1	2	3	4
Amaravati District			
9.	Itki	C-DOT 128	80
10.	Kokada	do	80
11.	Belora	MILT	56
12.	Mardi	MILT	56
Bhandara District			
13.	Dewadi	C-DOT 128	88
14.	Warthi	do	80
15.	Chichal	do	80
16.	Paraswada	do	80
Buldhana District			
17.	Bawandbir	C-DOT 128	80
18.	Asalgaon	do	80
Chandrapur District			
19.	Kangalwadi	C-DOT 128	80
20.	Wadheri	do	80
Dhule District			
21.	Kahatul	MILT	56
22.	Mohadi	MILT	56
23.	Sangvi	C-DOT 128	80
24.	Tarhadi	MILT	56
Jalgaon District			
25.	Gadkhamb	MILT	56
Jalna District			
26.	Dhawda	C-DOT 128	88
27.	Antarwalil	do	80
Kolhapur District			
28.	Parvati Ind. Estate	C-DOT 256 Type B	152
29.	Bathanangale	C-DOT 128	80
30.	Kalambwadi	MILT	56
31.	Alate	C-DOT 128	80
32.	S. Takali	C-DOT 128	80
33.	Mudshingi	C-DOT 256	184
34.	Kekhale	C-DOT 128	80
35.	Shirati	C-DOT 256	184
36.	Rashivade	C-DOT 256	184
37.	Ujalaiwadi	C-DOT 256 Type B	152
38.	Turanbe	C-DOT 128	80
Latur District			
39.	Dharni	MILT	56

1	2	3	4
40.	Kamkheda	MILT	56
41.	Her	do	56
Nanded District			
42.	Yetala	C-DOT 128	88
43.	Takali	do	80
44.	Waghalwadsa	do	80
Nasik District			
45.	Mundegaon	C-DOT 128	80
46.	Shinde	C-DOT 256	184
47.	Brahmangaon	C-DOT 128	80
Osmanabad District			
48.	Baloor	MILT	56
49.	Massa	do	56
50.	Jalkot	C-DOT 128	80
51.	Bathrud	MILT	56
52.	Padoli	C-DOT 256	184
Parbhani District			
53.	Singnagar	MILT	56
54.	Hingoli Mide	do	56
55.	Hadgaon Nakate	do	56
Raigad District			
56.	Jambhaivali	MILT	56
57.	Pangloli	do	56
58.	Pachad	do	56
59.	Adgaon	do	56
60.	Manivali	do	56
61.	Ghosale	do	56
62.	Arvi	do	56
Ratnagiri District			
63.	Angawad	C-DOT 128	88
64.	Kelshi	do	88
65.	Kondye	do	88
Sangli District			
66.	Utagi	MILT	56
67.	Borgi	C-DOT 128	80
68.	Narasingpur	do	88
69.	Yellur	do	80
70.	Muchandi	MILT	56
71.	Burli	C-DOT 128	80
Satara District			
72.	Chapal	C-DOT 128	88

1	2	3	4
73.	Diskal	C-DOT 128	88
74.	Kalghar	do	80
Solapur District			
75.	Ropale	C-DOT 128	88
76.	Harvade	MILT	56
77.	Begampur	C-DOT 128	88
78.	Sheerapur	do	88
79.	Sakai	do	88
Wardha District			
80.	Vijaygopal	C-DOT 128	80
81.	Pardhi	do	80
82.	Kandwa	do	80
Yeotmal District			
83.	Niljal	C-DOT 128	80
MTNL Bombay			
84.	Mankhurd RSU	OCB 283	7.0K
85.	Byculla I	OCB 283	5.0K
86.	Sakinaka RLU	E-10B	2.0K
87.	Gokuldharm RSU	OCB 283	2.75K
88.	Mandwi-2	OCB 283	11.5K
89.	Gamdevi-3	OCB 283	1.0K
90.	Fountain-RSU	OCB 283	5.75K
91.	Vileparle (CNE)	OCB 283	1.25K
92.	Goregaon (CNE)	OCB 283	1.25K
93.	Wadala-3	OCB 283	7.0K
94.	Bandra (CNE)	OCB 283	1.25K
95.	Belapur-RSU	OCB 283	1.0K

Statement-III

Names of places in Maharashtra where new Electronic exchange are proposed to be commissioned during 1997-98

S.No.	Name of District	No. of new telephone exchanges to be opened in 1997-98
1	2	3
1.	Ahmednagar	8
2.	Akola	5
3.	Amaravati	3
4.	Aurangabad	5
5.	Beed	3
6.	Bhandara	3
7.	Buldhana	4

1	2	3
8.	Chandrapur	2
9.	Dhule	4
10.	Jalagaon	5
11.	Jalna	3
12.	Kolhapur	7
13.	Latur	4
14.	Nagpur	5
15.	Nanded	2
16.	Nasik	5
17.	Osmanabad	2
18.	Parbhani	2
19.	Pune	4
20.	Raigud	2
21.	Ratnagiri	3
22.	Sangli	4
23.	Satara	4
24.	Sindhudurg	2
25.	Solapur	4
26.	Tane (Kalyan)	2
27.	Wardha	3
28.	Yeotmal	3
29.	MTNL Bombay	10
Total		113

All India Radio, Mandla, Madhya Pradesh

4115. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had accorded sanction for setting up of All India Radio, F.M. Band centre at Mandla district in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the proposed F.M. Band has been converted into medium band with old technology; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A radio station with 1 KM FM Transmitter and Multi-purpose Studio was originally approved for Mandla as part of 8th Five Year Plan. However, in view of numerous representations received from different parts of the country regarding non-availability of FM receiver sets at a cheaper rate, it was decided that tribal areas in general, would have medium wave transmission. Hence, the scheme was changed to setting up of a radio station with 1 KM MW Transmitter and MP Studio etc.

Development of Tourism in Madhya Pradesh

4116. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether keeping in view the development of tourism in Madhya Pradesh the Union Government are contemplating to solve the problem regarding the transfer of land allotted to centrally sponsored schemes in the name of Government of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA):

(a) and (b) Recognising the complexities of land transferability, the Department of Tourism, Government of India has liberalised the guidelines to facilitate the states including Madhya Pradesh, either to transfer land or lease out land or register the title of the built up property in the name of Central Government.

[English]

Indira Gandhi International Airport

4117. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indira Gandhi International Airport has reached saturation point;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to build another airport in the outskirt of Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of Rail Postal Service Building at Haridwar

4118. SHRI HARPAL SINGH SATHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct Rail Postal Building at Haridwar Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Department of Postal has contributed its share;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reasons for delay in constructing the above rail postal building; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the above work?